

Claims

1. A method for providing perimeter security so as to restrict entry to authorized persons, wherein the method comprises steps of

(a) issuing to each authorized person a token displaying or recording a unique set of electronically readable data identifying said authorized person, who can present the token when seeking entry,

(b) entering a photograph image of each authorized person into a database, which is maintained in a computer having a display,

(c) reading the data displayed or recorded by each token presented by a person seeking entry, via an electronic reader, and sending the read data to the computer,

(d) comparing the sent data to the database, via the computer, and displaying the photographic image entered on the database of the person identified by the sent data, via the display.

2. A method for providing perimeter security so as to restrict entry to authorized persons among a larger group of persons, not all of whom may be authorized, wherein the method comprises steps of

(a) issuing to each person of the larger group a token displaying or recording a unique set of electronically readable data identifying said person, who can present the token when seeking entry,

(b) entering a photograph image of each person of the larger population into a database, which is maintained in a computer having a display,

(c) reading the data displayed or recorded by each token presented by a person seeking entry, via an electronic reader, and sending the read data to the computer,

(d) comparing the sent data to the database, via the computer, and displaying the photographic image entered on the database of the person identified by the sent data, via the display.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the computer is a portable or hand-held computer.

4. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the computer is one of plural portable or hand-held computers, each of which maintains a replica of the database.

5. A system for providing perimeter security so as to restrict entry to authorized persons, wherein the system comprises

(a) tokens, each of which is issued to an authorized person and each of which displays or record a unique set of electronically readable data identifying the authorized person to whom it has been issued, and who can present the token issued to said person when seeking entry,

(b) a computer having a display and maintaining a database, into which has been entered a photograph image of each person to whom one of has been issued, and

(c) means including an electronic reader for reading the data displayed or recorded by each token presented by a person seeking entry and for sending the read data to the computer,

wherein the computer is programmed to compare the sent data to the database and to display, via the display, the photographic image entered on the database of the person identified by the sent data.

5 6. A system for providing perimeter security so as to restrict entry to authorized persons from a larger group of persons, not all of whom may be authorized, wherein the system comprises

(a) tokens, each of which is issued to a specific person of the larger group and each of which displays or record a unique set of electronically readable data identifying the specific person, who can present the token
10 issued to said person when seeking entry,

(b) a computer having a display and maintaining a database, into which has been entered a photograph image of each person to whom one of the tokens has been issued, and

(c) means including an electronic reader for reading the data
15 displayed or recorded by each token presented by a person seeking entry and for sending the read data to the computer,

wherein the computer is programmed to compare the sent data to the database and to display, via the display, the photographic image entered on the database of the person identified by the sent data.

20 7. The method of claim 5 or 6, wherein the computer is a portable or hand-held computer.

8. The method of claim 5 or 6, wherein the computer is one of plural portable or hand-held computers, each of which maintains a replica of the database.